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Dear Attorney Hesse:

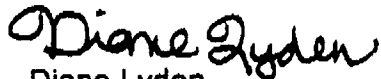
I have recently been made aware that you are accepting public comment in the case of *U.S. v Microsoft*. I would like to contribute letter in support of Microsoft.

This company has been at the forefront of technology and deserves to continue to be provided the opportunity to reach its company goals. Microsoft has provided Americans and the world with products and services at reasonable costs.

Although I can understand the concerns of the government and Microsoft's competitors, extreme restrictions and continued persecution on Microsoft's activities will only decrease the productivity of all computer companies and the American people. The settlement, as I understand it, gives a little to each party in this case without compromising the continual success of this industry.

Too much time has already been spent on this case. We should be concentrating our efforts on increasing national security, improving schools and healthcare, and offsetting the faltering economy. Government no longer has the luxury to be spending time and money on this issue. The United States needs to focus on the current problems facing the American people.

Please approve this settlement as quickly as possible.



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